

Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan

Social Values Survey

This survey will provide the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with information that will help us better understand how the public values BLM-managed lands in the Deschutes Resource Area. The BLM will use the results in the development of an updated Resource Management Plan (RMP). It should take 20-30 minutes to complete. Please refer to the attached project summary and background for additional information. *All results will be kept confidential.*

First, we would like to ask some questions about your use of public lands

- Q-1 Have you or any member of your household used public lands (Forest Service, BLM, State lands, etc.) in Central Oregon for any purpose in the past 12 months?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (**SKIP TO QUESTION 6**)
- Q-2 Please review the map provided with the survey. Looking at the map, have you or any member of your household used BLM-managed lands in the planning area during the past 12 months?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (**SKIP TO QUESTION 6**)
- Q-3 How many times in the last 12 months have you or members of your household visited BLM lands within the planning area?
- _____ time(s) in the past 12 months
- Q-4 Please indicate which recreational activities you or members of your household participated in on BLM lands in the planning area in the past 12 months. (Please check all that apply)
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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting (for recreation/sport) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking/cycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-highway vehicle recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock hounding/gathering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping/socializing | <input type="checkbox"/> Target practice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/running |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing/wildlife viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | _____ |
- Q-5 Please indicate which non-recreational activities you or members of your household participated in on BLM lands in the planning area in the past 12 months. (Please check all that apply)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial timber harvest | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional tribal activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gathering/selling misc products | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting (for food, not sport) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outfitting/guiding | <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing livestock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood gathering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire fighting | _____ |

Q-6 Approximately how far do you live from a BLM boundary? (Please refer to map)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately adjacent | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 10 and 25 miles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than one mile | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 25 miles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between one and five miles | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between five and 10 miles | |

Next we would like to ask you some general questions regarding public land use and management

Q-7 Please indicate to what level you agree or disagree with the following statements:
(circle appropriate number; 3=Strongly agree; 0=neutral; -3=strongly disagree)

Statement	Strongly Agree			Neutral			Strongly Disagree	
BLM-managed lands are important for maintaining the overall social and economic health of communities in Central Oregon.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
The BLM provides adequate multiple use opportunities within the planning area.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
The presence of BLM lands in the planning area improves my overall quality of life.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Keeping BLM-managed land in public ownership is important to the long-term economic health of the region.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
When resource management decisions involve trade-offs between ecosystem health and recreation needs, the recreation needs should be considered first.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
When resource management decisions involve trade-offs between ecosystem health and human economic needs, the economic needs should be considered first.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
When resource management decisions involve trade-offs between environmental concerns and other needs, the environmental concerns should be considered first.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
When resource management decisions involve trade-offs between environmental concerns and the health of local communities, the health of local communities should be considered first.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Environmental, recreation, and economic needs should be balanced with other concerns in resource management decisions.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Proximity to public land increases the value of my property.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Public opinion affects the land management decisions made by the BLM.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	

Q-8 The mission of the Bureau of Land Management is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In addition, the BLM is mandated to provide for multiple uses by the Federal government. Please indicate how well you believe the BLM is accomplishing its mission and mandate in the planning area. (Please check one)

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Somewhat well
- ☐ Not well
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Don't know

Q-9 Please indicate how important the various BLM resource management activities listed below are to you. (circle appropriate number; 3=very important, 0=neutral, -3=not important):

BLM Management Activity	Very important			Neutral		Not important	
Providing for transportation connections between Central Oregon cities	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Ensuring watershed health	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing wildlife habitat	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Reducing soil erosion	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing for grazing	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing for off-highway vehicle use	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing for non-motorized vehicle use	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Restricting or closing motor vehicle access in order to protect natural resources	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Balancing the needs of all BLM users	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Eliminating invasive species	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Expanding federal land holdings	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Exchanging or selling land to accommodate community growth	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing law enforcement	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Managing hazardous fuels to reduce wildfire risk	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing multiple access points to individual areas of BLM-managed land	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing developed recreation opportunities	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Providing undeveloped/dispersed recreation opportunities	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Ensuring opportunities for traditional tribal cultural activities	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Protecting archeological resources	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Maintaining areas for existing military training facilities	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Maintaining areas for mineral/aggregate extraction	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

Q-10 Do you rely on BLM-managed lands to meet subsistence needs such as hunting for food (not for sport) or collecting firewood for heat?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q-11 Do you use BLM lands for economic gain (i.e. grazing, craft industries, miscellaneous forest products, etc.)?

- ☐ Yes, sole means of income
- ☐ Yes, supplements other income
- ☐ No (**SKIP to Q-13**)

Q-12 Please estimate the annual gross income generated from your use of BLM land or land resources:

- ☐ Under \$1,000
- ☐ \$1,000 - \$5,000
- ☐ \$5,000 - \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 - \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 - \$100,000
- ☐ Over \$100,000

Next, we would like to ask some questions about public land ownership

Q-13 In some areas the BLM manages small, isolated parcels of land (*public land* surrounded by *private land*) in their land holdings. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements related to the sale or exchange of isolated parcels of BLM-managed resource land? (circle appropriate number; 3=Strongly agree; 0=neutral, -3=Strongly disagree)

Statement	Strongly agree			Neutral		Strongly disagree		
Isolated parcels of BLM-managed resource land that have limited resource value, but good access, should be sold or exchanged.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Isolated parcels of BLM-managed resource land which have important resource value, but limited access should be sold or exchanged.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Isolated parcels of BLM-managed resource land, which have neither resource value nor access, should be sold or exchanged.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Isolated parcels of BLM-managed resource land, which have both important resource value and good access, should be sold or exchanged.	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	

Q-14 The BLM manages approximately 376,000 acres of public resource land within the study area. Of that, approximately 21,800 acres are classified as lands that are available for sale or exchange. Please indicate how acceptable you believe it would be for the BLM to *exchange* lands for each of the potential uses listed below. (circle appropriate number; 3=acceptable, 0=neutral, -3=not acceptable):

Reason to Exchange Public Land	Acceptable			Neutral		Unacceptable		
Economic Development	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Improve public access to BLM-managed lands with no current access	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Consolidate contiguous blocks of public lands	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Acquire private lands with unique values	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Urban Growth Boundary expansion	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Community expansion/infrastructure development	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Recreational Development	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	
Other (Please list)	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	

Q-15 Would your opinion change if the property to be sold or exchanged (referenced in the question above) had special meaning or were of special interest to you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Next we would like to ask some questions about transportation

Q-16 In general, do you feel you have adequate access to BLM-managed land in the management area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q-17 Central Oregon is experiencing rapid population growth. Population forecasts indicate that this trend will continue. As a result, demands on existing transportation networks and need for new transportation systems are growing. Please indicate how acceptable you think it is for BLM lands to be used for regional transportation needs if the intent is to:

Intent	Very Appropriate			Neutral		Not Appropriate	
Reduce commute times and congestion	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Provide new transportation links to new development in the planning area	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Accommodate regional transportation needs created by population growth	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Consolidate multiple roads if the intent is to reduce impacts to the environment	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Provide new routes in exchange for multiple existing routes	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Reduce trucking/shipping times through the planning area	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Improve existing unimproved roads in order to avoid adverse environmental impacts from construction of a new/alternate road	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Improve existing unimproved roads in order to reduce congestion and travel times	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

Q-18 Off-highway vehicle access on BLM-managed resource lands can be broken into three general categories: (1) open access (drive anywhere); (2) limited to designated roads and trails; and (3) closed. Please rate the appropriateness of these three categories of motorized vehicle use in the table below.

Motor vehicle access category	Appropriate			Neutral		Not Appropriate	
Open access – drive anywhere	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Limited to designated roads and trails	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
Closed	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

The following questions address ecosystem health and diversity

Q-19 Suppression of wildfires can keep fires from spreading out of control and damaging private property when they occur. Conversely, fire suppression can result in the accumulation of fuel leading to much more severe fires over time. Given the trade-offs in this example, what role should fire play on BLM managed ecosystems? (Check only one)

- ☐ Wildland fires are desired, therefore management activity should not suppress natural fires.
- ☐ Wildland fires are desired to manage ecosystems, but should be restrained to consider the risk to private property and wildlife habitat.
- ☐ Natural fire disturbances should be put out; only prescribed burning should be allowed.
- ☐ All fires should be put out.
- ☐ Don't know

Q-20 Human activities can have adverse impacts on ecosystems. In your opinion, how important is it that human activities be considered when making decisions about ecosystems or ecosystem health?

Very important			Neutral			Not important at all
3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

Q-21 Which of the following strategies do you think are most appropriate to control human impacts on ecosystem health? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Close high use areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase enforcement of existing regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limit use in high use areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limit high impact uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict access (for example, close roads/trails) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation/conflict resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/interpretation | |

Q-22 In some cases, ensuring a healthy ecosystem could mean converting young juniper woodlands (less than 150 years) to shrub and grasslands. Please indicate the degree to which you would support BLM management activities that would result in this kind of historic condition across the landscape.

Strongly support			Neutral			Strongly oppose
3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

The following questions address recreation activities on BLM land

Q-23 The great majority of recreation opportunities provided by the BLM consist of non-developed or primitive facilities. Developed recreation facilities include facilities such as full service campgrounds, improved trail systems, and other facilities. Do you think the BLM should:

- ☐ Significantly increase developed recreation facilities.
- ☐ Slightly increase developed recreation facilities
- ☐ Not increase developed recreation facilities
- ☐ Reduce developed recreation facilities
- ☐ Eliminate developed recreation facilities

Q-24 Please indicate how often you use or engage in the following recreation activities on BLM-managed resource lands. (Please check the appropriate box)

Recreation activity	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain biking/cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-highway vehicle use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird/wildlife viewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rock hounding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socializing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Target Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caving/Spelunking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Running	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next set of questions address public health and safety

Q-25 How safe do you feel when you are on BLM lands?

- ☐ I never feel safe when I am on BLM lands
- ☐ I rarely feel safe when I am on BLM lands
- ☐ I feel safe about 50% of the time when I am on BLM lands
- ☐ I usually feel safe when I am on BLM lands
- ☐ I always feel safe when I am on BLM lands
- ☐ Don't know

Q-26 If you feel unsafe, please indicate one reason why you feel unsafe on BLM lands:

Q-27 How important do you think it is for the BLM to take action (such as reducing access or increasing enforcement activities) to reduce or eliminate illegal activities such as dumping, shooting, etc.?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Moderately important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unimportant
- ☐ Very unimportant
- ☐ Don't know

Finally, some questions about your household

Q-28 Please tell us your zip code. _____

Q-29 Do you live inside or outside of a city limit boundary?

- ☐ Inside city limit
- ☐ Outside city limit

Q-30 What is your age? _____ Years

Q-31 What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Q-32 How many people live in your household, including yourself?

_____Adults (18 and over)
_____Children (17 and under)

Q-33 For the purposes of comparison with U.S. Census data, please estimate your total household income for the year 2000:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000-\$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000-\$9,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000-14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more |

Q-34 For the purpose of comparison with U.S. Census data, please indicate your race (your response to this question is optional).

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian and Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Some Other Race_____ |

Q-35 Please share any other comments you have in the space provided below.

Thank you for filling out your community survey! Please mail your answers back in the postage-paid envelope provided